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SUBJECT: US/ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

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1. EMBOFFS CALLED MAY 27 ON MRS. MANALO TO DISCUSS STATUS OF PROPOSED US/ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS.

2. "US DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH ASEAN." MRS. MANALO STATED, IN REPLY TO OUR REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION ON ITEM 6 OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA, THAT ASEAN WAS INTERESTED IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND  
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FORESTRY, AND COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION. THE ASEAN COUNTRIES WERE NOW CONSIDERING WHAT SPECIFIC PROJECTS THEY SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN. ON OTHER HAND, ASEAN WOULD WELCOME AND CONSIDER WHAT THE U.S. HAS TO OFFER. COMMENT. MRS. MANALO'S REPLY INDICATED SHE DID NOT CONSULT FAR BEYOND HER ASEAN SECRETARIAT STAFF, AND WE RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT THE USG COME UP WITH SOME SPECIFIC IDEAS IN ORDER TO CONTROL THE

DIRECTION AND PACE OF THIS SUBJECT.

3. TIMING. THE GOP INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON ASEAN AFFAIRS HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE DFA SEEK A POSTPONEMENT OF THE CONSULTATIONS UNTIL JULY. THE ECONOMIC MINISTRIES ARE QUITE BUSY PREPARING FOR THE ASEAN SUMMIT. DFA, HOWEVER, FINDS JULY INCONVENIENT AND BELIEVES SEPTEMBER WOULD BE A BETTER DATE. MRS. MANALO SAID SHE WAS QUERYING THE OTHER CAPITALS AND WOULD INFORM US SOONEST. HER GUESS IS THAT THE COUNTRIES WOULD ACCEPT SEPTEMBER, PREFERABLY BEFORE THE UNGA.

4. LEVEL OF MEETING. MRS. MANALO SAID THAT SECRETARY ROMULO IS RETURNING THIS EVENING AND SHE HAS APPOINTMENT WITH HIM ON MONDAY THE 30TH. SHE WILL ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE MEETING WILL GO AHEAD WITH INGLES AT THE HEAD OR WHETHER IT WILL FEATURE ECONOMIC MINISTERS.

5. ASIA SOCIETY. THE PHILIPPINE MISSION IN NEW YORK HAS RECEIVED A PROPOSAL FROM PRESIDENT PHILIPS TALBOT OF ASIA SOCIETY, PROPOSING A SEMINAR ON OCTOBER 5-6, BETWEEN U.S. BUSINESS EXECUTIVES AND ASEAN MINISTERS TO DISCUSS ASEAN. MRS. MANALO'S REACTION IS THAT THE ASIA SOCIETY IS A FOUNDATION AND UNREPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. BUSINESS, AND ABOVE ALL, THIS IS A MATTER WHICH OUGHT TO BE HANDLED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND DFA. THE ASIA SOCIETY APPARENTLY WAS INSPIRED BY THE EEC/EBIC MEETING IN BRUSSELS. MRS. MANALO AGREED WITH OUR SUGGESTION THAT PERHAPS THE COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE A MORE APPROPRIATE VEHICLE, BUT IN ANY CASE IT HAS TO BE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE USG AND ASEAN

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GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THEIR FOREIGN OFFICES.

6. KRIANGSAK REMARKS. REGARDING STATE 117137 AND MANILA 8022 ON KRIANGSAK'S REMARKS WHICH RECEIVED CIRCULATION IN BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR, MRS. MANALO WAS AWARE OF THEM AND IMMEDIATELY DISOWNED THEM BY STATING THAT WHATEVER GENERAL KRIANGSAK SAID MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN "TOTALLY OUT OF CONTEXT." IN REALITY, SHE CONFIDED, THAT AT LAST FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN MANILA, THE QUESTION OF INVITING THE U.S. TO A POST SUMMIT MEETING WAS RAISED BRIEFLY AND WAS QUICKLY TURNED DOWN AS INAPPROPRIATE AND UNREALISTIC. "THE FOREIGN OFFICE PEOPLE," SHE SAID, "HAD AN INTUITIVE FEELING ABOUT SUCH A SITUATION."

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